

CLAIMS AS PENDING:

1. (Previously amended): An isolated polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, wherein said polypeptide has a growth factor activity characterized by induction of proliferation of fibroblast cells.

2. (Previously amended): An isolated polypeptide selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues 247-370 of SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 247-338 of SEQ ID NO:2, and amino acid residues 339-370 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide has a growth factor activity characterized by induction of proliferation of fibroblast cells.

3 – 39. (Previously cancelled)

40. (Original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

41 – 65. (Previously cancelled)

66. (Previously added and amended): An isolated polypeptide dimer comprising two associated peptide fragments, wherein said peptide fragments are selected from the group consisting of amino acid residues 247-370 of SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 247-338 of SEQ ID NO:2, and amino acid residues 339-370 of SEQ ID NO:2 wherein the polypeptide has a growth factor activity characterized by induction of proliferation of fibroblast cells.

67. (Previously added): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide of claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

68. (Previously added): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide of claim 66 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.